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MAINTAIN PRIMARY, ELLYSON DECLARES

State Chairman Submits Figures to Refute Certain Claims of Opposition.

STATE SHOULD BEAR EXPENSE

Restrictions Should Protect System as Fully as General Elections—About the Cost.

Strongly in favor of maintaining the party primary system in Virginia, Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson, chairman of the State Democratic Committee, discussed the matter freely when seen yesterday by a representative of The Times-Dispatch, answering the contention of the opposition that the system is more costly than the convention method, submitting some interesting statistics in support of his position, and proposing an important change that will probably attract much attention.

Mr. Ellyson shows that the assessments upon candidates for United States Senate and State officers in 1905 were not heavy to start with, and that after the primary was over and all bills had been paid, he returned to each candidate 57 per cent. or more than one-half of the amount originally put up.

One of the significant declarations made by the State chairman in his interview supporting the popular method of party nominations is in favor of a law providing that the State pay the expenses, and throw around the plan every possible safeguard against fraud. He suggests that any party which in the next preceding general election shall have polled as many as 25,000 votes shall be entitled to have the State pay the expenses of its primaries.

This limit would reduce the number of parties which would come under the provisions of the act to two, or possibly three at the outside.

Takes Strong Ground.

In discussing the general primary question, Mr. Ellyson stated the following statement:

"The question of how best to select nominees, especially in our choice of State officers, is one about which there is an earnest difference of opinion among the Democrats of the State, but I am firmly persuaded, after all the arguments have been weighed, both for and against the primary, that the primary affords a better opportunity for a free and untrammelled expression of the preference of the voters."

"I think a recent deal of prejudice has been awakened against the primary because there is a widespread impression that it is so expensive as to practically exclude all but the rich from competition for the higher honors the party has to offer. But in this respect, I am sure, the primary is not. We have had only one State primary and only one assessment for State officers in that primary."

Statement of Facts.

"Now, what are the facts as to the cost of each candidate in the primary of 1905. It was my honor to be the chairman of the State committee which made the assessment. I disbursed the funds in that campaign, and I therefore speak with accuracy as to these assessments and expenditures. They were as follows:

"Candidates for the United States Senate and for Governor were each assessed \$1,500.

"Candidates for Lieutenant-Governor were assessed \$100.

"Candidates for State Treasurer were assessed \$300.

"Candidates for Attorney-General were assessed \$500.

"Candidates for Secretary of the Commonwealth were assessed \$200.

"Candidates for Commissioner of Agriculture were assessed \$200.

"Candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction were assessed \$200.

"When the primary was over it was found that the assessment had been made much more than was needed to conduct the primary, and I, therefore, had the pleasure of returning to each candidate 57 per cent. of the amount contributed by them."

"Candidates for United States Senate and for Governor had to pay only \$632.96.

"Candidates for Lieutenant-Governor had to pay \$42.20.

"Candidates for Attorney-General had to pay \$210.00.

"Candidates for State Treasurer had to pay \$125.50.

"Candidates for Secretary of the Commonwealth had to pay \$84.30.

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"Candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction had to pay \$84.30."

"It will thus be seen that the expense of holding the primaries in all the counties and cities of the Commonwealth cost each of the candidates only the small sum above mentioned. I am, of course, aware of the fact that larger sums were spent by them, but this cannot be charged to the primary system, because wherever there has been active competition those who are familiar with such expenditures know that equally as large sums have been spent, and in some cases, larger sums have been spent in securing nominations by convention, than were ex-

MAY BE NEGRO WHO ROBBED BOX CARS

Jackson Brown, Arrested for One Theft, Is Suspected of Another.

Jackson Brown, believed to be the negro who robbed box cars at Chester, in Chesterfield county, of about \$300 worth of shoes, was arrested in Richmond yesterday evening on the charge of having stolen a horse and buggy from R. B. Pruett, a liverman, on Friday of last week. Brown hired the horse and vehicle, promising to return in a few hours, but both were found in Chesterfield county on Sunday, while the negro disappeared until yesterday evening. The trap is being held by the Chesterfield authorities as evidence to be used against Brown when he is turned over to them.

It is not believed that the negro really intended to delay the return of the horse and buggy, but that the horse was being held by him as evidence to be used against Brown when he is turned over to them.

pended by any candidate in the primary election of 1905.

Hear Speeches.

"In making this statement I have before me the sworn statement of all the candidates of the total amounts expended by each during the campaign of 1905, including both what was paid to the committee and the amount personally expended by each."

"I have been among those who have since the institution of the State primary desired that the expense of the primary should be assumed by the Commonwealth, and that any party having cost as many as 25,000 votes in the preceding general election should have the right to have its expenses paid by the State, and that the primary should be hedged about by such restrictions as would make its conduct in every particular as fully protected as are our general elections."

"I am in favor of a legal primary and the payment of the expenses by the Commonwealth, and for any other modifications of the plan which will make it more acceptable to our people and more easily and effectively administered; but I am opposed to the abrogation of the primary system."

Property to Be Sold.

Messrs. Mosely & Company will sell at public auction this afternoon at 5 o'clock the following dwellings, 915 Tulip Street, 218 Carrington Street and 241 Short P Street.

To-morrow afternoon the same firm will sell at 5 o'clock unimproved property at the corner of Thirty-second and City Streets, and on Broad Street between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth Streets.

Sent to Jail for Theft.

Willie Robinson, colored, charged with stealing a coat and a pair of trousers from M. S. Taylor, was sentenced to sixty days in jail by Justice Crutchfield yesterday morning.

Robert Lee Puryear, charged with stealing two papers from private residence, was put under \$100 bond for twenty days.

The case of Percy Bolling, colored, charged with wounding Thomas Lightfoot with a knife, was continued to the 13th.

MADE RUSH FOR DOORS

WHEN FLAMES SHOT UP

Excitement at Majestic Theatre Yesterday Afternoon Quickly Allayed, but Dangerous for a Moment—Explosion of Two Incandescent Bulbs the Trouble.

Frightened when they saw flames shoot up on the stage of the Majestic Theatre on Broad Street at the afternoon performance yesterday the audience sprang to their feet, and three-fourths of the crowd made a rush for the doors. Most of them were women, and one girl leaped with the agility of a trained jumper clean over the seat which she occupied and hurried for the fire exit with a speed that would have put Hector to the blush.

Others stampeded, and the panic threatened to become serious until the manager announced in a loud voice that the blaze was not dangerous, and, drawing up the curtain, showed the people that the fire embraced only the ropes and a minor part of the scenery.

The doors were shut, and while Policeman Perkins, and a fireman from Brook Avenue engine house, who were in the audience, smothered the flames the manager quitted the crowd.

The first alarm occurred just as the manager was announcing the winning coupon for the Merri Widow hat.

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MORE COCAINE CASES

Three Are Continued to 10th and Fourth to 15th of May.

Henry Street, Robert Ross and Carrie Jackson, all negroes, arrested on Sunday morning by Police Court yesterday morning on the charge of handling cocaine without prescription or license. The cases were continued to 10th and 15th of May.

It is charged that Street bought a package of "dope" from Ross, who had secured it from the Jackson woman. The latter was valued at \$1,000, with Charlie White and W. A. Price as surety.

Martha Taylor, alias Bank Stokes, colored, arrested by Officer Gering, was charged with having a package of the drug in her possession. Her case was continued to the 13th.

Fugitive Will Be Held.

Horace Strand, alias John Williams, colored, was ordered yesterday morning by Justice Crutchfield to be held for North Carolina authorities. He is wanted in that State on a charge of attempted murder.

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